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SPECIAL Closing Out Sale ON ALL HEATING STOVES

Soft Coal Burners and
Hard Coal Base Burners.

Buy now and save money on the stove you want
next Fall. We are also making Special Low
Prices on our stock of

STEEL RANGES

Of which we have the finest line ever shown in
Shiawassee county. Call and see them and get
the advantages of the bargains offered at this
special sale.

IRA G. CURRY, Hardware

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Union Plains.

Mr and Mrs G W Hoover visited their son and family in Flint Saturday and Sunday—Mrs F G Cole visited her sister in Fenton last week and is now in Detroit visiting another sister—Orlando Newman and wife are moving into John Graham's tenant house and will work for him the coming summer—The mortal remains of Joseph Agnew, of Bancroft, were laid to rest in Union Plains cemetery Thursday—Mrs Chalker, of Newburg, is visiting her brother and wife, Mr and Mrs Joad Drake—A G Fosket, of Howell, was here Thursday—Charles Miller, of the Soldiers' Home, is visiting in this vicinity.

New Lothrop.

Miss Janet McKay, who has been visiting her parents, Mr and Mrs A McKay, returned to her school at Detroit Wednesday—Chas Stewart, of Lansing, is visiting at the home of Mr and Mrs Bert Stewart—Mr and Mrs Orange Brown have issued invitations for the marriage of their daughter, Mabelle La June to Lafayette R. Chase, Wednesday, March 28, 1906, at noon, at their home east of the village—Much excitement was created Saturday afternoon about 5 o'clock by a fire which broke out in the house owned by James Latta and occupied by Reuben Morse, and threatened for some time to do considerable damage to the town. Fortunately it was checked by hard work on the part of the citizens, although the house was badly damaged. The household goods were nearly all removed without getting very much damaged—Miss Pearl Carpenter, of Flushing, is visiting at the home of Mr and Mrs H I Casler this week—Mr and Mrs Ernest Carpenter, of Flushing, are visiting at the home of Mr and Mrs Joe Fuller this week—The little daughter of Mr and Mrs Orla Prouty is very ill with pneumonia—Mr and Mrs Herman Brewer spent a few days of last week with Mr and Mrs Newton Flowers of Owosso—S M Kellogg and son, Warren, have gone to Detroit to remain awhile—Dr Jay Bruce, of Saginaw, was in town Wednesday—E D Sanborn and George Zentle attended the Masonic school of instruction in Corunna this week—Edward Calkins returned to his home in Coleman, Wednesday—James Tyrell, of Swartz Creek, formerly principal of the high school here, was in town Tuesday—The pupils of New Lothrop high school debated the question, resolved, "That the United States senators should be elected by the people," Friday evening last. The judges, who were Miss Nina Fee, Miss Ada Odell and Dr White, decided in favor of the negative side—Erasmus Quirk is visiting relatives in Detroit this week—Mrs Allen Bronson and child, of Owosso, are visiting at the home of Mr and Mrs H J Patterson this week—Mr and Mrs George Lawson are visiting in Detroit—Arthur Speers has rented the Wm Brown house and moved there to reside—John Frawley and family have moved to his father's farm near Flushing to reside—Mrs Archie Call is on the sick list—W F Beatty visited his daughter, Vera, at Monroe, Saturday and Sunday—F L Chase returned Tuesday from his visit at Howell—J H Clark was in Corunna, Monday on business—A E Alderman was in Flushing Friday—Rev H J Hescott is conducting revival meetings at Brent Creek.

For Sale Cheap.

80 and 160 acre farm, good buildings,
JOHN H. JOHNSON,
3 miles south of Corunna, R. F. D. No. 3.

Cases Against Supervisors Continued.

On Monday Judge Miner issued an order continuing the cases against supervisors A. B. Crane and A. B. Freeman over to the May term of court, giving his reasons in writing, the principal ones being that there was a large amount of work to do that had been on the calendar before the supervisors were indicted; that the prosecuting attorney had given sufficient reason for postponement, and he was the officer elected and paid for handling such cases and the court does not interfere unless it appears that someone is being oppressed, but no one was in jail, no one had been required to give a bond; the defendants were suffering no hardships. The Judge said the cases called the "indictment cases" would be given careful consideration, and so far as possible the interests of the people and the defendants would be protected and the cases disposed of in a fair and impartial manner. It is the contention of the attorneys for the defendants that the cases against some of them should be nolle prossed, and the claim is made that the prosecuting attorney has practically conceded that this is true.

Probate Court.

Della M. Hartshorn was appointed administratrix of the estate of Geo. W. Hartshorn, deceased, late of Durand. C. W. Jennings was discharged as administrator of the estate of John McDonald, deceased. In the matter known as Youngs drain of New Haven township, A. A. Harper, F. B. Perry and Z. D. Harrell were appointed special commissioners to determine the necessity of deepening, widening, etc., said drain. Commissioners will meet at residence of Will Williams, of New Haven, on March 20th at ten o'clock a. m. Grace M. Wesener will render her final account as executrix of the will of August C. Wesener, deceased, on April 17th. Hannah Lawcock asks that G. P. Lawcock be appointed administrator of the estate of Parnell Lawcock, deceased, late of Venice township, who left an estate valued at \$8,600. Hearing, April 16th. On April 16th will be heard the application of Willard Bowles for probate of the will of Reese Bowles, deceased, late of Antrim. Value of estate, \$7,400. Petitioner asks that Lydia Bowles be appointed administratrix with the will annexed.

Henderson.

Charles Collins lost a very valuable horse on Monday—Charles Jones, of Indiana, is visiting his brother, LeRoy Jones—Rev P Hooper preached at Chapin last Sunday morning and expects to preach there every Sunday hereafter—Harry Clough, manager of the Union Telephone Co. of Owosso, was in town on Tuesday, placing telephones and also taking contracts with quite a number of farmers in this vicinity—Wm Curtis, one of Rush township pioneers, died at Ithaca a few days ago and was buried at the Henderson cemetery on Wednesday—B Watson has moved on the R. Rourke farm—Several from here attended the play, "Peck's Bad Boy," in Owosso on Wednesday evening—Miss Myrtle Wilkie, of Detroit, is visiting a few days at A Baker's—The republican caucus, of Rush is called for Saturday, March 24—Mrs Bert Cook, of Gaylord, is visiting her parents, Rev and Mrs J H Girdwood—The W C T U met Wednesday with Mrs E Convis—Mrs B Skinner who has been quite ill is somewhat improved—The L A's met at J Barker's Wednesday.

City Election.

The council appointed W. E. Collins, W. E. Hall and E. A. Gould election commissioners and E. P. Gilbert, E. L. Griffith, Fred Chapell, E. F. Conant and S. Z. Watson inspectors. The places for registration and election are the usual ones as will be seen by the legal notices in another column.

Commercial Travelers.

The Universal Commercial Travelers' Association elected the following officers at a meeting Saturday evening: Senior Counselor—Geo. W. Haskell. Junior Counselor—A. D. Chase. Sec. Treas.—R. P. Bigelow. Conductor—S. B. Pitta. Page—C. J. Shaw. Sentinel—C. C. Carpenter.

Ladies' Library Officers.

At the annual meeting of the Association, Tuesday, the following officers were chosen: President—Mrs. A. E. Stever. Vice President—Mrs. L. M. Beckwith. Secretary—Mrs. A. M. Hume. Treasurer—Mrs. W. A. Osborn. Librarian—Miss Frances Jones. Assistants—Misses Bessie Johnson, Mary Brewer. Directors holding over—Mrs. C. S. Williams, Mrs. C. C. Duff. Directors for two years—Mrs. C. S. Allison, Miss Georgia Colt. Associate Committee—Mrs. M. Osburn, Mrs. Fred Osburn, Mrs. J. W. Simmons, Mrs. O. F. Webster, Mrs. J. O. Parker.

St. Patrick's Day Program.

Following is the program for the St. Patrick's entertainment at the opera house, Owosso, Saturday, March 17th, 1906. Entertainment at 6:30 standard; regular program at 7:30 p. m. "The harp that once thro' Tara's halls The soul of music shed." Vocal Solo—Three Leaves of Shamrock. Harry McKerring, Owosso. Vocal Solo—When My Soul Passes Through Old Ireland. Andrew Mylotte, Owosso. Toast—Civic Honesty. Hon. J. J. Zimmer, Lansing. Music... St. Paul's School Quartette. Toast—The Day We Celebrate. Rev. A. M. Effinger, S. J., Detroit. Music... St. Paul's School Quartette. Toast—The Ladies. Hon. Nell R. Walsh, Owosso. Vocal Solo... Miss Kate Kearney, St. Louis. Toast—Our Country. Hon. David Armstrong, St. Louis. Song—America... The Audience "Erin Go Bragh." The Rev. Patrick Sidney Smith, D. D., of Pittsburgh, Penn., will act as toastmaster.

Primary Law Endorsed.

In response to a call issued by the republican county committee a number of republicans from all parts of the county assembled in the supervisors' room at the court house, Monday, to discuss the new primary election law. The features of the law were explained by Senator Cook, Representative Ward, F. H. Watson and several others; many questions were asked concerning details which have to be gone through with to put the law into operation and answers given which helped all present to gain a better idea of what is required. Nearly all the speakers urged the importance of seeing that every republican is enrolled in the party enrollment book at the spring election. Republicans who wish to take part in the primaries during the next two years must enroll or they will lose that privilege. It was decided to ask the several township committees to take charge of the work of securing signers at the April election to petitions asking for an election on June 12th to decide whether the primary plan shall be used to nominate candidates for congressman, state senator, representative in the state legislature and county officers. To have this question submitted requires the signature of enrolled republican voters in number equal to 20 per cent of the vote cast in the district or county for Gov. Warner in 1904. Blank petitions for this purpose will be provided by the county clerk and sent to every voting precinct. On a motion to endorse the law and urge its adoption for every officer to which it is made applicable a rising vote was taken which showed but one vote in opposition. It is now for the republicans of the county to say whether they want their nominations in the future to be made as provided by this law.

Mayor Aitken has announced his candidacy for re-election in Flint. He had not intended to be a candidate again but as some trouble was found in finding any one to accept who would stand for the enforcement of law, he promptly stated that he would serve another year if elected. Mayor Aitken was never known to desert in the midst of a lively fight and the people of Flint should give him a rousing majority.

After all it will be better for the taxpayers in the end if the \$100,000 in county bonds are voted.

URGES VOTERS TO ENROLL.

Governor Warner Sends Out Circulars Giving Instructions.

At his own expense, Gov. Warner will soon send broadcast over the state 20,000 copies of a circular giving succinct instructions to voters under the new primary election law. With these will be sent enrollment slips to facilitate enrollment on election day, a duty that is to be performed by every voter if he wishes to take part in any primary nominations. Of these, 225,000 will be printed.

The governor's circular reads as follows:

An enrollment clerk will be with every election board in the state on election day, April 2, to receive the names of all voters who apply for enrollment. You can enroll on that day, giving the clerk the necessary information verbally, or handing him an enrollment slip containing the desired information. This enrollment answers for all time unless you remove to another election precinct or desire to change your party affiliations, and the one enrollment allows you to vote on all questions submitted at any time under the new primary law; also allows you to vote on the nomination of candidates for the offices of governor and lieutenant-governor, members of congress, county officers and members of the legislature in counties and districts where that system has been adopted; also gives you the right to sign petitions for the submission of the direct voting system, or to the printing of the name of your choice of candidates on the primary ballot. The enrollment in no way interferes with the right of a citizen to vote at the regular election for any candidate on the ticket he desires, but is intended to prevent fraud and fraudulent voting at all primary elections under the new law. So do not fail to enroll on Monday, April 2.

A petition signed by enrolled voters representing one-fifth of the voters of their party is required to be filed with the county clerk before May 12th this year, in order to have the question submitted at the June 12 primary election changing to the direct voting plan of nominating officers. If a petition from the necessary number is so filed you will vote at the June 12 primary election on the question of direct nominations. At the same June primary election you vote direct by marking a cross before your choice of the candidates for governor and lieutenant-governor, and also vote on the question of continuing the same system of nominating those two officers for the future. You also elect at the same primary election the number of delegates which your precinct is entitled to in the county convention to elect delegates to the state convention called for the purpose of nominating the balance of the state ticket.

This change entirely does away with all early or so-called "snap" caucuses or county conventions. This June 12th primary is under the Australian system of voting and the regular election board in all districts.

First. Enroll on election day, Monday, April 2.

Second. Sign petitions on that day, or surely before May 10, as they must be in the hands of the city or county clerk or secretary of state by May 12, in order to have all questions you desire submitted at the June 12 primary election.

Third. Be sure to vote at the June 12 primary election. Additional copies of this circular and application blanks for primary election enrollment may be had upon application; also complete copies of the primary law.

FRED M. WARNER.

Lansing, March 10, 1906.

Grange Meeting.

The meeting of Owosso Township Grange will be held Wednesday, March 21.

State Deputy E. A. Holden, of Lansing, will be present to take part in the discussion and give some practical help that will be of interest to every patron. Come, bring a pure thought and a bright idea with you.

This will be an all day meeting, commencing at 10 a. m.

At noon a chicken pie dinner will be served.

Afternoon session 1:30 with the following program:

Music.

Why should we observe Arbor Day.

..... E. J. Cook, J. F. Bilhimer. News of the world..... Mrs. M. Getman. The Grange as a Fraternity.....

..... E. A. Holden, F. M. Shepard. Music by a quartette.

A new idea by each lady.

The Grange as a business institution..... G. T. Mason. Selection..... Mrs. L. D. Carson. Can a man sell straw, and buy clover seed and sow it and succeed in keeping up the fertility of the soil..... P. B. Reynolds.

Does your baking powder contain alum? Look upon the label. Use only a powder whose label shows it to be made with cream of tartar.

NOTE.—Safety lies in buying only the Royal Baking Powder, which is the best cream of tartar baking powder that can be had.

Twenty and Twenty-Eight Inch Rows.

We have been asked by many farmers, as well as others, to give our experience in planting beet in twenty inch and twenty-eight inch rows.

Two years ago there was planted within wagon haul of our factory about one hundred acres in 28 inch rows and comparison showed both tonnage and sugar per cent in favor of the 28 inch rows. The farmers who planted this width row the first year, under no circumstances, could be induced to plant any other width row. The farmers who last year planted their beets in twenty-eight inch rows claim in every case, that this is the only way to plant beets.

The advantage of 28 inch rows over 20 inch rows might be summed up as follows:

First. The farmers have their grain drills (and in nine cases out of ten these will sow in 28 inch rows) and with very little care in using a set of press wheels, beet seed can be put in the ground as well as with a beet drill.

Second. Farmers have their cultivators, such as they are using for corn and beans, which we know cannot be surpassed, and by using the shields and adjusting the teeth no weeds can remain and the ground can be thoroughly cultivated at any time.

Third—Beets can be cultivated much longer in 28 inch rows, therefore, a much can be formed in case of dry weather and grass and weeds that may start before thorough cultivation can be commenced, can easily be pushed to one side with the cultivator and not interfere with the small beet plants as the cultivator has a chance in the wide rows to push them to one side or the other, while in the narrow rows they become clogged and have no chance to pass by.

Fourth. Beets in 28 inch rows can be taken care of much cheaper than in 20 inch rows. A saving can certainly be made of from \$6 to \$7 per acre.

Fifth. From three different experiments which we had last year the 28 inch row showed just a little better results than the 20 inch rows, both as to tonnage and sugar per cent. The experiments were as follows:

On 104 acres of 20 inch rows, grown by fourteen different contractors in different parts of the county, we had an average tonnage of 12.38 tons per acre and an average sugar per cent of 16.

On 97 acres of 28 inch rows, grown by eleven different contractors in different parts of the county, we had an average tonnage of 12.4 tons per acre and an average sugar per cent of 16.3.

Our records of beets harvested or located a short distance from our factory show we had 250 acres of 28 inch rows. The average tonnage was 8.1 tons and the average sugar per cent was 15.9 amounting to \$5.80 per ton.

We had in the same town in twenty inch rows 122 acres, from which we received an average tonnage of 8.82 tons per acre, but the sugar per cent averaged 15.2 or only \$5.68 per ton.

Our records of beets harvested for 1905 show 2,421 acres in 28 inch rows with an average sugar per cent of 15.9 or \$5.78 per ton; 5,033 acres in 20 inch rows with an average sugar per cent of 15, or \$5.50 per ton.

The 28 inch rows produced an average of 160 pounds more beets to the acre than the 20 inch rows.

The 28 inch row beets averaged .9 per cent more sugar than the 20 inch rows.

The value of the crop grown in 28 inch rows averaged \$3.55 more per acre than the 20 inch rows.

Another point which is a fact conceded by all authorities, is that sugar is taken on from the sunshine and atmosphere. If the beets shade each other, as they do in the narrow rows,

is it not possible for large beets which have plenty of room for expansion and no interference with their neighbors to contain as much sugar, if not more, than small beets would have, which are shaded and close together?

We are aware that these principles are the reverse of what they are in foreign countries, but we cannot compare our conditions with theirs. We are certainly advocating the 28 inch rows and will, in all probability, have 50 per cent of our present crop planted in this width row, and as long as we find that they give just as many tons of beets with just as good a sugar per cent, with a saving of from \$6 to \$7 per acre to the farmer, we shall continue to do so.

We might state that the largest tonnage we had this year on one acre, namely, nearly thirty tons with an average sugar content of 15.6 per cent, shows conclusively that the beets must have been very large, exploding the theory that large beets do not test good (providing the ground is in proper condition) and said beets were grown in 28 inch rows.

In our particular locality the farmers are extensive farmers and they make boasts that they have plenty of land and do not wish to work crops so close together. They have all the tools to work crops planted in 28 inch rows and do not have to invest in a lot of new tools or borrow.

We do not think for a minute all beet growers will agree with us on the stand we take, but experiment yourselves and determine the right and wrong of our statements. We certainly will know more about the width row another year and would like to have your readers give their ideas along this line.

Trusting this will make good food for digestion, we remain,

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